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JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 363

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

## Intimations.

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Send Full Particulars, Price, &c., &c.,  
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JNO. W. HALL,  
Auctioneer,  
YOKOHAMA.  
28th February, 1887. 572

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in great variety.  
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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATENTERS, at very moderate prices. 149

## Intimations.

### CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS  
of this Loan will be Payable at the  
OFFICE of THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION on and after 1st  
day of March, 1887.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, February 28, 1887. 373

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above  
Company will be held at the OFFICE of  
the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's Street, on  
THURSDAY the 10th March, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
General Managers, together with a Statement  
of Accounts to 31st December, 1886.  
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED on FRIDAY the 25th  
Instant to the 10th Proximo, both days  
inclusive.

And Notice is also hereby given that at  
12 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon after  
wards as the ordinary Annual Meeting shall  
be held, an EXTRAORDINARY General  
MEETING of the Company will be held  
for the purpose of passing the subjoined  
Resolutions. Should the Resolutions be  
passed by the required majority they will  
be submitted for Confirmation at a Second  
Extraordinary Meeting of which due Notice  
will be given.

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.  
1.—That the present Capital of the China  
Sugar Refining Company Limited be  
increased from \$900,000 to \$1,500,000  
by the issue of 6,000 New Shares of \$100  
each, to be issued at par.

2.—That the price of issue of each of the  
said new shares be fully paid up by the  
Allottees on the 31st March 1887, to-  
gether with the sum of \$2 for each share  
by way of interest on such share from the  
1st January 1887 to the 31st March  
1887 at the rate of 8 per cent. per  
annum.

3.—The holder of each of the said new shares  
shall be entitled to participate in the  
profits of the Company as from the 1st  
January 1887 equally with the holders  
of the present Capital of \$900,000.

4.—That the said new shares be offered in  
the first place in such manner and at  
such times, as the General Agents shall  
think fit to the persons who shall, on the  
25th day of February 1887, be the  
registered holders of the old or  
present shares in the proportion fol-  
lowing, that is to say, two new shares  
shall be offered to every holder of a  
complete number of three of the said  
old, or present, shares, and shall be  
accepted or not within the time limited  
for that purpose by the General  
Agents, and that any new share or  
shares offered in manner aforesaid,  
and not accepted within the time so  
limited, and also any share or shares  
which the General Agents shall have  
been unable to offer in manner aforesaid,  
shall be offered to the persons who shall,  
on the 25th day of February 1887, be the  
registered holders of the old or present  
shares, in the proportion following, that  
is to say, one new share shall be offered  
to every holder of a complete number or  
complete numbers of three of the said  
old or present shares, shall be disposed  
of and allotted by the General Agents  
and Consulting Committee at such  
times to such persons, upon such  
terms, and in such manner and way  
in every respect as they shall in their  
discretion think best in the interests  
of the Company.

5.—That the purchase of Island Lots Nos.  
729 and 730, Victoria, Hongkong at the  
agreed price of \$60,000 be now formally  
confirmed and these lands transferred  
into the Company's name.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
China Sugar Refining Company,  
Limited.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1887. 309

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-  
ORDINARY General MEETING of  
the above named Company will be held at  
the Registered Office of the Company,  
Pedder's Street, Victoria, in the Colony  
of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd  
March, 1887, at 12 o'clock (noon), when  
the subjoined Resolution, which was passed  
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of  
the Company held on the 22nd day of February,  
1887, will be submitted for Confirmation as  
a Special Resolution.

#### RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered  
in manner following:—

(a.) The following Article shall be substituted  
for Article No. 111, namely:—111.  
—The Reserve Fund shall consist of a  
sum of not less than \$1,000,000 nor  
more than \$1,500,000.

(b.) The following Article shall be substituted  
for Article No. 112, namely:—112.  
—The Reserve Fund having now  
reached the sum of \$1,000,000 the  
General Managers and the Consulting  
Committee may appropriate from time  
to time so much of the profit as they  
may deem desirable to the Reserve  
Fund until the said Fund shall amount  
to the sum of \$1,000,000 provided  
always that such annual appropriation  
shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the  
said profits.

(c.) The following Article shall be substituted  
for Article No. 115, namely:—115.  
—The said Reserve Fund shall if prac-  
ticable be maintained at a sum of not  
less than \$1,000,000 nor more than  
\$1,500,000 and the whole of the future  
surplus profits of the Company shall,  
subject to such annual Bonus as aforesaid,  
(if any) thereof (not exceeding in any  
year 30 per cent. of the profits of such  
year) as the General Managers may (as  
they are hereby empowered to do), ap-  
ply in maintaining the Reserve Fund at  
a sum of not less than \$1,000,000 and  
less also such portion or portions (if  
any) thereof as may from time to time  
be applied in increasing the said  
Reserve Fund under Article 112, be  
divisible amongst the Shareholders  
generally according to the number of  
Shares held by each.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1887. 526

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. call special attention to their Splendid Assortment of  
PIPES, CIGAR-HOLDERS and SMOKERS' SUPPLIES.

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#### A SELECTION OF

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#### DRAB SHELL HATS.

#### CHRISTY'S BLACK AND COLORED FELT HATS.

#### New Boots and Shoes.

#### PATENT LEATHER DANCING PUMPS.

Hongkong, February 16, 1887. 276

### Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central  
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost  
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government  
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-  
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.  
The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most  
comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.  
The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.  
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOIE is always provided and served in the spacious,  
large DINING HALL.  
The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD  
and Smoking Rooms, and is well adapted for the requirements of the public.  
The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.  
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

### W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED First Deliveries of LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.  
Cheap BEIGE, TUSCAN and ORBAM LACES.  
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Solid LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.  
SARATOGA TRUNKS and TIN HOSES.  
New Designs in TAPESTRIES.  
TAPESTRY TABLE CLOTHS, all sizes.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 17, 1887. 283

### THE BON MARCHE.

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ADJOINING THE STAG HOTEL (NEXT DOOR).  
CONSISTING OF A STOCK OF FANCY and USEFUL ARTICLES,  
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MUSIC,  
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BON MARCHE, next door to THE STAG HOTEL.  
Hongkong, September 8, 1885. 1739

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FOR  
1887.

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compiled by  
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Hongkong, February 11, 1887. 243

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OWING TO EXPIRATION OF LEASE, these  
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favoured him with sittings and desiring  
more Copies that they will forward him  
their Orders at earliest date, and he would  
be glad to Lease suitable Premises in a  
good Central position.

Hongkong, February 29, 1887. 160

### NOTICE

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are  
respectfully informed that, if upon  
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of  
the Company's FOREMEN should be at  
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the  
Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will  
receive prompt attention.  
In the Event of Complaints being found  
necessary, Communication with the Under-  
signed is requested, when immediate steps  
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-  
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 26, 1885. 1482

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

AT a Preliminary Meeting held on  
THURSDAY, the 17th Inst., to consider  
what steps should be taken to Celebrate  
HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE, it was  
unanimously resolved that a PUBLIC  
MEETING should be convened for WED-  
NESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 3.30 p.m.,  
and that the Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE  
should be asked to Preside.  
ALL MEMBERS of the COMMUNITY are  
invited to attend.  
THE MEETING will be held in the CITY  
HALL.

By Order,  
ARTHUR K. LEVINGS, Hon.  
J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Secretaries.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1887. 296

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-  
Year ending 31st December last, at  
the Rate of 2 1/10 (One Pound and Ten  
Shillings Sterling) per SHARE of \$100,  
is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the  
28th Instant, at the OFFICES of the Corporation,  
where Shareholders are requested to  
apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 302

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

#### PAYMENT OF 4th DIVIDEND.

A FOURTH DIVIDEND of 6 1/2 per CENT.  
on all CLAIMS against the Hong-  
kong Branch of the ORIENTAL BANK Cor-  
poration, that have been approved by the  
Court of Directors, will be paid on and  
after MONDAY NEXT, the 21st February,  
at the OFFICES of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
Corporation, LIMITED.

The 4th Dividend is payable on all Claims  
on which previous Dividends have been  
paid.  
Creditors are requested to apply to the  
Bank for their Dividends and to produce  
the left-hand copy of the Official Li-  
quidator's admitting their Claims, in order  
that the payment of the 4th Dividend may  
be effected thereon.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Attorney for the Official Liquidator,  
Oriental Bank Corporation.  
2, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, February 19, 1887. 302

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 7 1/2 or \$8.75 per  
SHARE for the Six Months ending  
31st December, 1886, declared at To-day's  
Ordinary Meeting, will be Payable  
at the premises of the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or  
after TUESDAY, the 1st Proximo, and  
Shareholders are requested to apply for  
WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No.  
14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
DAVID GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 304

### LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual General  
MEETING of the LUZON SUGAR  
REFINING CO., Ltd., will be held in the  
OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS, PEDDER'S  
STREET, on THURSDAY, the 10th day  
of March next, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose  
of receiving a Report from the General  
Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to  
31st December last.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 26th  
Instant, until the day after the Meeting.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1887. 340

### DENTISTRY.

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and American patients and friends,  
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#### CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.  
Sole Address  
2, DUNDRELL STREET,  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

### Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
the late Mr. GEORGE THEODOR  
SIEMSEN in our FIRM ceased on the  
24th August, 1886, and that of Mr.  
PAUL GERHARD HUBBE on the 31st  
December, 1886.  
Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized  
to Sign our Firm per Procuration from this  
date.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong and China,  
14th February, 1887. 310

### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my Absence Mr. A. S.  
GARRETT has been appointed Acting  
SECRETARY.

By Order,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1887. 307

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
WEDNESDAY,  
the 2nd March, 1887, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—  
SUNDRY  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,  
belonging to E. E. DEAN, Esq.,  
comprising:—  
CROTONNE COVERED DRAWING-ROOM  
SUITE.  
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CHAIRS and CHAIRS, MIRRORS and PICTURES.  
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and ELATED WARE, VIENNA CHAIRS, EN-  
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WARDROBE, CHEST of DRAWERS, ESPE-  
CIALLY TOILET TABLE and GLASS and MAR-  
BLE-TOP WASHSTAND.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by GEORGE  
RODGERS & SONS, London.  
&c., &c., &c.  
TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 365

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
MONDAY,  
the 7th of March, 1887, at 11 a.m., on  
Board,  
THE BRITISH THREE-MASTED  
SCHOONER  
WANDERING MINSTREL,  
of 362 Tons Register, Built in 1875, and  
Newly Shanthaed with Yellow Metal,  
with all her TACKLE and APPAREL,  
as she then lies in the Harbour, near  
the Government Dock.

TERMS of SALE.—One-third of the Pur-  
chase Money to be paid after fall of ham-  
mer, the remainder upon transfer; the  
Vessel to be at Purchaser's risk immediately  
after being knocked down.

A STEAM LAUNCH will leave Pedder's  
Wharf at 10.45 a.m., for further Particu-  
lars, apply to the Auctioneer.

G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1887. 371

### For Sale.

#### FOR SALE.

THE BRITISH STEAMER  
SCHOONER,  
Capacity 313 Tons, Speed 11 Knots.  
Thoroughly repaired last month. TERMS  
MODERATE.  
Apply to  
HO TIM,  
Broker,  
18, Bank Buildings,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 108

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s  
CHAMPAGNE,  
Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.  
Pints.....\$31 " " 2 " "  
Dubos Freres & Co. de Gerson & Co.'s  
BORDEAUX CLARETS and  
WHITE WINES.  
Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree'—  
WHISKY.—\$12 per Case of 1 doz.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

### FOR SALE.

THE GERMAN BARQUE  
ANTON GUNZEE,  
Metalled in April 1885,  
As the Vessel is now lying in this Harbour,  
For Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1887. 331

### To Let.

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ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS'.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1886. 632

### TO LET.

WITH immediate occupation the Com-  
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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's S.S. *Ningpo*, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the above Ports, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 5th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5th March will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 355

## SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

S.S. *BRECONSHIRE*, FROM  
ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that the *Breconshire*, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed here, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. to-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd Proximo, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1887. 332

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
STEAMSHIP *BRAUNSCHWEIG*,  
FROM BREMEN AND PORTS  
OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed here, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. to-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 8th March, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 10th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—  
MELOERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 351

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Ningpo*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th March will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1887. 352

## To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET, in good condition, the complete furniture and compact (Eastern) portion of HILL SIDE BUNGALOW, at the junction of NEW WESTERN STREET and HILL STREET, near to Ball's Court, off the Bonham Road. Water and Gas are laid on. Separate Garages, &c.

For Particulars, apply to—  
MR. HOWROYD, NEXT DOOR.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 373

## NOTICE.

THE undersigned, Agents in China, Hongkong, the Philippines Islands, and Ports in the Straits, for the introduction of the *Edison* SYSTEM of ELECTRICITY, and the *Edison* SYSTEM of ELECTRICITY, are prepared to furnish and estimate for the lighting of streets, public buildings, factories, houses, &c., and to execute orders for Plants and Electrical Lighting Apparatus.

This system has already made rapid progress in Japan, where it is much esteemed for its efficiency and economy. A plant of 75 15-candle power lamps has been in successful operation for many months at the Office of the Official Gazette, Tokio, under the management of Japanese, who had only one week's training for the work. These lamps have been in use on an average 11 hours daily, at a cost of about half a cent per lamp per hour.

A plant of 625 10-candle power lamps is in use at the cotton factory of the Osaka Electric Light Co., and the cost of running has been found to be less than one-third of a cent per lamp hour.

The total cost of lighting the factory per year is \$5,553, against an estimated cost of \$6,000, and the cost of running has been found to be less than one-third of a cent per lamp hour.

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FRANZ & Co.,  
Agents of THOMAS A. EDISON.  
Shanghai, 27th Nov., 1886. 3513

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.  
THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer  
*Pha Chula Chom Kiao*,  
Captain H. LIGHTWOOD,  
will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 3rd Inst.,  
at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—  
YUEN FAT HONG,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 377

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## NOTICE.

MR. C. M. ROBERTS, formerly with  
Messrs. ALEXANDER GORDON & Co.,  
London, has been appointed HOTEL MAN-  
AGER.

ROBERTS has been appointed  
MANAGER.

By Order,  
L. HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 374

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Third Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th March, at Half-past Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 23rd March, inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 380

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Registered Office, in Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 15th March instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in accordance with Ordinance No. 1 of 1877, Section 38.

ISAAC HUGHES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 370

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1886, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 15th day of MARCH INSTANT will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 376

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

February 28, 1887.—  
*Changsha*, British steamer, 1,463 J. E. Williams, Sydney February 5, Morton Day

S. Townsville 10, Cooktown 11, Thursday Island 15, and Port Darwin 19, Coal, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Adels*, Danish steamer, 385, N. O. Røvsbeck, Tooton February 21, and Haiphong 26, General.—ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

March 1.—  
*Yongtze*, British str., 814, F. Scholz, Shanghai February 25, General.—SEYMOUR & Co.

*Taihou*, British steamer, 893 J. S. Norton, Bangkok February 23, Rice & General. YUEN FAT HONG.

*Haitong*, British steamer, 277, J. S. Rouse, Swatow February 28, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

## DEPARTURES.

March 1.—  
*Kut Sing*, for Swatow and Shanghai. Thames for Europe. Yangtze, for Whampoa.

*Greyhound*, for Hoihow and Pakhoi. *Namoa*, for Coast Ports. *Sifid*, for Antiumner.

CLEARING.

Per *Changsha*, from Sydney, &c., Messrs. Briscoe, Jones, Liechault, Moore, Higgins, Durrant, Leng Chow, Grindal, Fletcher, and 113 Chinese.

Per *Adels*, from Tooton, &c., 30 Chinese.

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Left Swatow February 28th, and to Hongkong experienced strong N.E. winds and thick rainy weather. Steamers in Swatow, Tooton and Thala.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per S. S. *Achilles*, sailed 20th February:—  
For London, 2,438 pkgs. Tea, containing 21,514 lbs. Scented Cargos, 7,333 lbs. Scented Orange Pekoe, 23,389 lbs. Congou, 88 lbs. Sorts—total 50,736 lbs. Tea, 100 pkgs. Preserves, 152 rolls Matting, 18 bales Waste Silk, 4 pkgs. Black-wood-ware, 33 pkgs. Chinaware, 231 pkgs. From 7 pkgs. Silk and 15 pkgs. Sundries. From Japan, 41 pkgs. Tow-dut and 25 pkgs. Shaw Braids. From Manila, 4 pkgs. Olgars.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.—  
For *Kut Sing*, at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd March.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.—  
For *Wingang*, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd March.

For AMOY & MANILA.—  
Per *Diamond*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd March.

For HAITONG.—  
Per *Adels*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst.

For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—  
Per *Trinaka*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd March.

For SAIGON.—  
Per *Trinaka*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd March.

For YOKOHAMA.—  
Per *Trinaka*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd March.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—  
Per *Trinaka*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd March.

For PENANG & CALCUTTA.—  
Per *Japan*, at 6.30 p.m., on Friday, the 4th March.

MAILS for THE FOREIGN PACKET.—  
The French Contract Packet *Imaginaire* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 8th March, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day before departure.—  
6 a.m.—Money Order Office closes.

7 a.m.—Post Office closes, except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m.—Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 11.30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SEASON'S STOCK

CRYSTALLIZED FIGS,  
APRICOTS, GREENGRAPES, &c.,  
BOXED FRUITS, FIGS,  
RAISINS, JORDAN ALMONDS,  
ASSORTED FRENCH SWEETS,  
CHOCOLATES, FANCY BOXES,  
CRACKERS,  
&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1887. 77

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1887.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PAID UP SURE CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Columbo*, Dec. 21; *Amphitrite*, *Chelyd*, January 25; *Oschar*, 28; *Yorkshire*, February 1; *Agamenon*, *Flintshire*, *Palamed*, 8; *Glenfiddoch*, *Levenia*, 11; *Eden*, *Glenmorangie*, 12; *Plana*, 13; *Diamond*, *Hesperia*, *Palmyra*, 22.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Attomner*, Feb. 3; *Eden*, 13; *Glenfiddoch*, *Nedgar*, *Pandora*, *Prima*, *Saghalien*, *Lydia*, *Mark Lane*, 18; *Petropolis*, 22.

The *Melbourne*, with the *FRANCIS MAIL* of January 28th, was to leave Singapore on the 26th Feb., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 27th March. This Packet brings consignments to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 21st.

The *Glen Line* steamer *Glenlyn*, from London, left Singapore on the 24th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 11th March.

The *Ben Line* steamer *Banaroo*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 20th Feb., and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 4th March.

The *Union Line* steamer *Yokohama* left Singapore on the 1st March, and may be expected here on or about the 8th March.

The *E. & A. S. Co.*'s steamer *Guthrie* left Port Darwin for this port to-day, and may be expected to arrive on the 11th instant.

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On Wednesday night, the 23rd ultimo, the P. & O. Co.'s Shanghai tender *Gutaloff* was in collision with a junk. The tender was conveying the passengers to the mail boat at Wossing, and the night being intensely dark, those in charge of her could not see any great distance ahead. There was a junk moored across the tide owing to the wind, and being a dark object also was not seen till the *Gutaloff* was upon it. Captain Fryer was badly injured, and several very serious accidents occurred, and his vessel struck the junk a sliding blow close to the bows, which were damaged. The stevedores on the *Gutaloff* were also injured. —N. D. News.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Paris *Figaro* gives an interesting sketch of Dr. Windthorst, Bismarck's great opponent in the Reichstag. Dr. Windthorst, it appears, is a little man, extremely ugly to look at, with a mouth stretching from ear to ear, and 'frog's eyes.' He has been a consistent opponent of the Iron Chancellor since 1866. At that time Dr. Windthorst was Minister of Justice to the King of Hanover, and also 'Procureur-Général.' It was the annexation of Hanover and the consequent dismissal of Dr. Windthorst from the Ministry of Justice, which turned him into the bitter foe of Prince Bismarck, who he is known to be. Dr. Windthorst is, of course, an ardent Catholic, and never speaks of Leo XIII. save as the 'Pope-King.' His saint-like, the writer in the *Figaro* draws an amusing picture of Prince Bismarck and Dr. Windthorst face to face in the Reichstag—the one (Windthorst) a dwarf, the other (Bismarck) a giant; the one refined and polished, the other brutal and overbearing; the one an ardent Catholic, the other an ardent Protestant. The antagonism is carried out even in the matter of beverages, for Dr. Windthorst drinks champagne and Prince Bismarck keeps to beer. After this we need not be surprised to learn that the writer in the *Figaro* has big business' hands and is inordinately proud of their size and strength, while Dr. Windthorst has very small hands and is 'coquet' about them.

#### CAMPBELL, MOORE AND COMPANY.

The adjourned meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held in the Hongkong Hotel to-day. After waiting some time a quorum was got. The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. Fockers (Chairman), W. P. Moore, J. F. Webber, D. McCulloch, A. M. Apear, Yu Shui Wan, Arthur Fleet, A. G. Stokes, R. Dubois, and C. A. Ozorio; and Mr. R. C. Hurley, Secretary.

The Chairman—You have the accounts before you. Is it your pleasure that they be passed?

Mr. Webber—Who is the secretary of the Company?

The Chairman—Mr. Hurley is acting secretary.

Mr. Webber—How is that he puts his name down as secretary? I heard that Mr. Lang was appointed secretary.

The Chairman—He will be legally appointed after this meeting, and then Mr. Hurley will hand over the books to him.

Mr. Stokes—Are they in proper order, Mr. Webber—Yes, I think so.

Mr. Stokes—Is this \$2,036.34, accounts receivable, all got?

The Chairman—The greater part of it. Mr. Stokes—How much has been recovered since this statement was made up?

Mr. Moore—About \$100.

Mr. Stokes—That leaves about \$1600.

Mr. Moore—I guess pretty near that amount. Of course some pay at one month and some two.

Mr. McCulloch—Do you try and cut down the system of chit-giving as much as possible, and get as much as possible in cash?

Mr. Moore—Of course we do not take chit for every one.

Mr. Webber—What amount has Mr. Hurley received for making up the accounts? Is the amount in this account?

Mr. Hurley—It is entered in accounts payable.

Mr. Webber—Then it has not been actually paid.

Mr. Hurley—It was not paid at the time that this account was audited.

Mr. Webber—Why did you get a loan of \$500 when you had all this large money coming in?

Mr. Moore—We have not paid interest on it. It was only lent to us as a favour.

We had a lot of money, but there were some chits that we could not easily collect, and there were some drafts to be paid.

Mr. Stokes—What are the prospects of the Company now?

The Chairman—We will have a reduction of \$150 per month in the expenses, and we do not think that we shall have to pay \$200 odd again for making up the accounts. I hope we shall be able to present a better balance for the next six months.

Mr. Yu Shui Wan—How much are the expenses cut down?

The Chairman—About 100 odd dollars per month.

Mr. Moore—The expenses were more than \$2000. Now they will be reduced by more than \$100 per month. Our French barber is leaving us. He has got notice to leave.

Mr. Webber—I see by article 64 that it is provided the directors shall meet every month.

The Chairman—We have met every month with the exception of the last month.

Mr. Webber—Mr. Hurley was engaged at the sum of \$250 to make up the new books. It was the fault of the directors that they did not see that the books were properly kept.

The Chairman—Mr. Miller, the secretary, took charge of the books and presented us a balance every month. We took his account to be correct.

Mr. Webber—As a matter of fact, at your monthly meetings the proper accounts were not before you.

Mr. Moore—We thought that the secretary was keeping the accounts correct.

Mr. Webber—It is your duty to see that the accounts were kept. I move that the accounts be passed with the exception of \$250 paid to Mr. Hurley for making up the books, as the directors were at fault in not seeing that the accounts were properly kept.

Mr. Moore—Are we supposed to go through the books and see that they are properly kept? I was not manager when these books were kept. I had nothing to do with it. Another thing: I had not had time to look after the books. I must take the book-keeper's word.

Mr. Webber—There you make a mistake. You generally should have looked and seen that what you were told was true. There is no doubt that the directors are the responsible people to the shareholders. They should not take anybody's word. That is how they got into a mess.

Mr. Moore—I think it would be very hard

on the directors to make them pay this \$250 as they give their services for nothing. I am very sorry that I was a director. I would like to be clear of the duties. I have not had time to look after the books. I look after the business and the establishment.

After some further discussion, Mr. Webber's motion was put to the meeting, when they voted for it. —Mr. Webber, Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Yu Shui Wan. The Chairman, Mr. Apear and Mr. Dubois voted against it. On the value of the shares held by each side being counted it was found that those against the amendment had a majority of 120 to 80.

The Chairman then moved that the accounts be passed as printed. Mr. A. M. Apear seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.

Some time was then consumed in endeavouring to appoint directors in place of Messrs. Campbell, McArthur and Photographer, but as there did not seem anybody very willing to act, the matter was dropped.

The motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCulloch—It was agreed that the balance, \$582.66, should be used to write off 'Formation Account' the remainder to be carried forward to new account.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Apear, Mr. A. O. D. Gordin was appointed auditor.

#### HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

The following Resolutions are to be moved at the Public Meeting, to be held to-morrow, Wednesday—

1. To be Proposed by His Honour The Chief Justice:—That the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen shall be celebrated by her loyal subjects in Hong Kong.

2. To be proposed by the Hon. A. P. Macdonald:—That the celebration take the form of a permanent institution to be called by Her Majesty's name, and of a Fête and general rejoicings.

3. To be proposed by the Hon. P. Byrie:—That the Fête and general rejoicings be held on the 9th November next.

4. To be proposed by the Hon. C. P. Chater:—That as a permanent memorial of the Jubilee Year, the Government be invited to carry out, with the co-operation of the community, this scheme for a Park in the Wong-nah-ung Valley, if possible within the Jubilee Year, the said Park to be called the Victoria Park after Her Most Gracious Majesty.

#### THE WAN NIEN-CHING V. NEPAUL COLLISION CASE.

The N. C. D. News makes some comments on the decision in the *Wan Nien-Ching v. Nepaul* collision case which are beside the question altogether. Our contemporary seems to have entirely overlooked the fact that according to both sides both steamers were suddenly and unexpectedly enveloped in fog, and attributes the collision solely to the desire of these on board the *Nepaul* to make a good passage. We think this is decidedly unjust, the more so as the *News* wholly passes over the alleged contributory negligence of the *Wan Nien-Ching* in blowing a misleading whistle instead of sounding a bell. The *News* says—

There is not much to be said on the facts, as these are related in the judgment, of the action by the owners and others concerned in the steamer *Wan Nien-Ching* against the British steamer *Nepaul*, belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The case virtually resolved into the questions whether the *Nepaul* should have been running at all that morning, whether the weather was hazy, and whether there was contributory negligence on the part of those on board the steamer, after they had heard the whistle of the *Nepaul*. The history of the case has been fully told in the Court, and there is therefore no occasion for recapitulating it. The Assessor who sat with the Chief Justice, although doubtful as to whether the *Nepaul* should have weighed anchor at all when she did so, was clearly of opinion that, considering the hazy weather, and the narrow sea, she was moving in, where she might reasonably be expected to fall in with steamers and sailing vessels, both at anchor, and under weigh, was proceeding at an undue rate of speed from the time she first weighed anchor until the collision. They, the Assessor, consider that she ought to have certainly gone slow, or dead slow, and perhaps even have anchored. We imagine there will be a very general concurrence in this opinion. Only strong evidence that there had been contributory negligence on the part of the *Wan Nien-Ching*, which had greatly lessened the responsibility of the *Nepaul*, and evidence of this was either wanting or insufficient. Considering the circumstances of the case, and the fact that when the light of the *Wan Nien-Ching* was first seen, and the speed at which the *Nepaul* was going, it is, to say the least, extremely doubtful if the most perfect management of the latter steamer could have averted a collision, and a bell, when sounded, or a danger signal used. The Assessor advised, and the Chief Justice, agreed with them; that the reversal of the finding from hard-port to hard-starboard was an error in judgment on the part of the Assessor, and that the *Nepaul* was not at fault in not seeing that the accounts were properly kept.

It is not our intention to blame those who navigated the *Nepaul*. At the worst the pilot can only be charged with errors in judgment such as the most skillful and experienced are liable to in a crisis. We believe that this pilot, during the years which he has served the Peninsular and Oriental Company, had never until this collision met with an accident and has not so, in words that are attributed to him, ever cost the Company five cents more than the rate of his salary.

We are not by any means sanguine that anything will be done by owners, who have very likely already given stringent instructions to the commanders and officers of their steamers, in which they are told not to do the very thing, which,

when an accident happens, it turns out they have done. What with competition, and the desire to maintain the character of their steamers for making good or fast passages, the instructions not to steam in foggy or thick weather, when they exist, are too often practically set aside when the captain or pilot thinks he can risk going on. It is said that captains of coast steamers know that they may lose their commands, if through their caution in adhering to what we may call the ironical instructions, they make longer passages than rival steamers whose commanders have no safety through thick weather. It would surely be possible for owners to put an end to this state of things, and if they will not do so voluntarily the insurance offices might in their own interest quicken them into action. And if Chinese coast steamers sailed under other Regulations and laws than foreign steamers are, we should say that the sooner uniformity in this respect is obtained the better for all.

THE NORMANTON AND NEPAUL CASES.

'Neutral' writes to the N. C. Daily News—

Sir,—In a former letter I called your attention to that of your readers to the advisability of suspending judgment on the *Nepaul* collision case until the Chinese case could be brought forward in a legitimate manner. It then seemed that the Japanese case, as put forward by the press in Japan, was to be taken as a statement of the facts and of all the facts; now, however, the belief is expressed by representatives of the Japanese that the Japanese case, in their part, are open to the charge of having carried resistance to the length of revenge, a remarkable admission when we recall the shrill cries which proceeded from these papers before the commission was opened and before they had brought forward a legitimate inquiry.

I now wish to point out the difference in the attitude assumed by the Japanese and Chinese press and public in regard to the *Normanton* and *Wan Nien-Ching* disasters respectively. It is no desire to compare the two cases, but to imply that there was the same apparent disregard of life shown in the one case as in the other. There was, however, the same loss of life in both cases, and that on the *Wan Nien-Ching* was intensified in its effect by the fact that the *Normanton* was a British ship, and the *Wan Nien-Ching* a Chinese ship.

His Italian Majesty's corvette *Rapido*, Captain Cravotto, arrived yesterday from Singapore, having on board His Excellency Signor De Luca, Italian Minister to China and Japan, accompanied by the Marquis de Gayzuela, Italian Consul at Singapore.

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SHAW'S TEAM OF CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA.

Cricketers will be interested by the following references to one of the latest and most important matches which Shaw's team has played in Australia. They are taken from the *Sydney Mail* of the 6th ultimo—

Shaw's English Team played a test match with the Combined Eleven representing New South Wales and Victoria on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 28th, 29th, and 31st of January, on the Association Cricket Ground, and beat them by their former record.

The English team, who were accompanied by a large number of their supporters, arrived in Australia on the 28th of January, and on the 29th they played a match with the Combined Eleven, and won by 100 runs.

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of the Transit of Venus. What a more tangible object of good for both Empires, the settlement of the Nagasaki riot question on the terms of a well-known Beaufortian phrase. The feast of Lanterns has passed and now the Chinese will settle down to the toil of another year. The souls of the office will be opened on the 21st. A grand entertainment took place the other night at the British Legation, the occasion being gone through in excellent style. Almost all Peking Society was present on the occasion and took part in it. The weather is simply perfect; we do not remember a winter like this one, bright, and quite free from our two enemies, wind and dust.

Bangkok.

We take the following items from the Bangkok Times of the 19th ultimo—

We hear with pleasure that Mr. W. Kennet Loftus has been appointed Consul-Proprietor to his Majesty the King. This will probably be a most acceptable reward to our friend, who has been so long and so faithfully engaged in the photographic and the principal items of last month's economies. We believe that in all some twenty successful dishes were taken and the very wonderful effects of light and shade produced in many of the views is sufficient testimony, for those who understand anything of photography, to prove that Mr. Loftus is no novice to the trade but a clever and tasteful artist.

We see that the Tungking and other papers are full of references to the late visit of M. Klobukivski and other protectorate officials at Bangkok, says that they came 'at the prompting of the King.' This is erroneous. His Majesty was of course very glad to see them, and felt honored by their presence, and the occasion of friendship, but as a matter of fact it was the Governor of Cochinchina who sent the Commander of the French Squadron to compliment the King, and the visit was not due to any 'prompting' either from His Majesty or the Governor.

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THE BULGARIAN DIFFICULTY.

London, Jan. 30.—Russia is willing to nominate Prince Leuchtenberg to the throne of Bulgaria.

It is understood that Austria will shortly prohibit the export of horses from that country.

A telegram from Vienna of this date says that the tension between Russia and Austria is not relaxed. Both Powers display less solicitude about the Bulgarian question, and are evidently watching the progress of events between France and Germany.

ITALY AND ABYSSINIA.

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